GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROFIT BY INDIAN AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has made good profit in 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the amount thereof and the main reasons of earning the high profit;

(c) whether the Government propose to acquire more planes to make the Indian Airlines services better; and

(d) if so, the number of planes proposed to be acquired and the expenditure likely to be involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Indian Airlines has earned a net profit (after tax) of Rs.45.27 crores during 1999-2000. The profit was largely due to the marketing initiatives and cost cutting measures taken by Indian Airlines.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The requirement of aircraft has been estimated at 39 for the next 5 years. The estimated total cost for the acquisition of these aircraft is Rs.9,000 crores. Presently a Techno Economic Evaluation Study for purchase of these new aircraft is underway. Besides this, Indian Airlines is considering to acquire the three A-300 B4 aircraft which have been offered for sale by Air India. Indian Airlines is also in the process of acquiring on dry lease basis 5 B737-200 and 2 A320 aircraft to tide over the current shortage of aircraft.